

i-Quit!

- Sometimes we have to quit doing one thing so we can start doing the right thing.

21 ...blessings chase the righteous! Proverbs 13:21 (TLB)

- We have to quit hoping people will show up to church, if we're going to be a church that offers Hope.

Hope is this:

- God loves you, in spite of your past.
- Relationship with God is possible because of Jesus.

9 If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. Romans 10:9-10 (NLT)

- God can, and wants to, change us.
- God's spirit enables us to live the life He calls us to live.

19 Therefore go and make disciples in all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and then teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you; and be sure of this—that I am with you always, even to the end of the world." Matthew 28:19-20 (TLB)

- My church are people who Reach People.

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NLT)

20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)

23 ...'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. Luke 14:23 (NIV)

Why we don't share our faith:

- We're afraid.
- We don't feel qualified.
- We don't want to be pushy.

Reaching people means:

- Invest in people.
- Invest in praying for people disconnected from God.

1 My friends, how I wish with all my heart that my own people might be saved! How I pray to God for them! Romans 10:1 (TEV)

2 Pray diligently. Stay alert, with your eyes wide open in gratitude. 3 Don't forget to pray for us, that God will open doors for telling the mystery of Christ, even while I'm locked up in this jail. 4 Pray that every time I open my mouth I'll be able to make Christ plain as day to them. Colossians 4:2-4 (MSG)

- Invest in relationships with people that are disconnected from God.

28 The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, 29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" 30 So the people came streaming from the village to see him. John 4:28-30 (NLT)

Reaching people means:

- Invite people.

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him. 10 Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. 11 But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?" 12 When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do." Matthew 9:9-12 (NLT)

Reaching people means:

- Include people.

Our vision:

Creatively love and lead people in a growing relationship with Jesus.

God's strategy:

- God has a strategy to reach our city, and you're it.
- There is no plan "B".

- We have to Quit hoping people will show up and start reaching people we know.

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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture (or point) spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday?
- Do you understand why Dave said- "We have to quit hoping people will show up to church, if we're going to be a church that offers hope". Explain why.
- Are you personally equipped to share the hope of Jesus with others? Explain why or why not.
- Jesus essentially said: "My church are people who reach people". Do you agree with that? What kind of responsibility does that place on us individually and collectively?
- How can we do a netter job investing in people we already know? Explain.
- How can we do a better job inviting people to church and relationship with Jesus?
- How can we do a better job including others to join us?
- How does it make you feel to be God's strategy to reach your friends?
- How many people come to church because you invited them? How can we do better in this area?

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